

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please amend claims 1, 2, 5, and 7 as follows:

1. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) A thermally sprayed article comprising:
an article substrate;
an inner layer ~~formed~~ thermally sprayed on said article substrate of a metal material having a first predetermined thickness; and
an outer layer ~~formed~~ flame sprayed on said inner layer of a composite made of a polymer and the metal material having a second predetermined thickness.

2. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) A thermally sprayed article comprising:
an article substrate;
an inner layer ~~formed~~ thermally sprayed on said article substrate of a metal material having a first predetermined thickness; and
an outer layer ~~formed~~ flame sprayed on said inner layer of a composite made of a polymer and the metal material having a second predetermined thickness, wherein said second predetermined thickness is less than said first predetermined thickness.

5. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) A thermally sprayed article comprising:
an article substrate;
an inner layer ~~formed~~ thermally sprayed on said article substrate of a metal material; and

an outer layer formed flame sprayed on said inner layer of a composite made of a polymer and the metal material co-deposited to form said outer layer, wherein said outer layer has a hardness less than said inner layer.

7. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) A thermally sprayed article comprising:
- an article substrate;
 - an inner layer formed thermally sprayed on said article substrate of a metal material having a first predetermined thickness; and
 - an outer layer formed flame sprayed on said inner layer of a composite made of a polymer and the metal material co-deposited to form said outer layer and having a second predetermined thickness less than said first predetermined thickness, said outer layer having a hardness less than said inner layer.